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COUNTRY Poland and Polish-occupied Germany REPORT

TOPIC Soviet Military Rail Movements on the Frankfurt/Oder - Brest Litovsk
Line

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The following Soviet military rail movements were observed on the
 Frankfurt/Oder (O 53/V 63) - Brest Litovsk (S 53/M 87) railroad
 line

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1. Leaving Frankfurt/Oder on 25 February and arriving at Brest Litovsk on 1 March 1950 :

A train carrying twenty-five canvas-covered heavy tanks was observed at Schwiebus (O 53/W 33) railroad station, headed towards Frankfurt/Oder, on 25 February 1950. The tank chassis, not covered by canvas, had six bogie wheels, one drive wheel, one idler wheel and three track-supporting rollers. The tank guns with muzzle brake had an estimated caliber of 120 mm and projected about two meters beyond the tank bow. *

There were no motor vehicles on the train. Escorting soldiers wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia.

saw no other military trains.

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2. Leaving Brest on 2 March and returning to Frankfurt/Oder on 6 March 1950 :

Train carrying twenty new, unnumbered three-axle trucks with dual tires and fifteen new AT guns with muzzle brake, estimated 30 mm caliber, barrels about three meters long, gun shield and double pneumatic tires.**

Escorting personnel : Two officers, four NCOs and twenty-five EM wearing black-bordered red epaulets.

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* JS-type tanks; either JS-1 or JS-2 tanks.

** Presumably 35-mm AT guns, shipped to Germany to replace 76-mm AT guns.

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